

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 27, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Following over a month with little to no moisture, beneficial, widespread rain fell across many areas during the week, with several locations noting that total accumulations were above average, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Even with the uptick in rainfall, a significant amount of additional moisture is needed to erase the prolonged drought conditions entrenched in the State. The United States Drought Monitor released on May 24 showed that exceptional drought (D4) remained rooted on over 20.3 percent of the State. In addition, severe to extreme drought (D2-D3) was reportedly covering 70.0 percent of the State. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse continued to blanket 100 percent of New Mexico. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 24 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 15 percent last week, 38 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 33 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 6 percent good to excellent, compared with 5 percent last week, 31 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 24 percent. Spring fieldwork was in full swing, with row crops being planted and alfalfa hay and onions being harvested. Precipitation was recorded at 33 out of 44 reporting weather stations, with Tucumcari, at 1.96 inches, reporting the largest accumulation during the week. In addition, 10 other weather stations reported rainfall totaling over an inch during the week, while above average moisture was record at 22 of the 33 stations. Average temperatures ranged from 7 degrees below to 5 degrees above normal. At the reporting weather stations, daytime highs varied from 71 degrees at El Vado Dam to 105 degrees at Carlsbad. Artesia, NMSU, and Roswell also recorded a daytime highs that climbed to or exceeded the century mark during the week. Overnight lows ranged from 20 degrees at El Vado Dam to 59 degrees at Santa Teresa. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 2 percent light and 2 percent moderate, compared with 2 percent light and 2 percent moderate last week. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 7 percent light, compared with no hail damage last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 12 percent light, 4 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe, compared with 17 percent light, 8 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe last week. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 27 percent very short, 25 percent short, and 48 percent adequate, compared with 28 percent very short, 31 percent short, 40 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 29 percent very short, 20 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 35 percent very short, 22 percent short, and 43 percent adequate last week.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested.....	62	52	72	69
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested.....	6	NA	20	8
Chile				
Planted.....	98	92	100	NA
Emerged .....	87	79	86	NA
Corn				
Planted.....	79	73	67	69
Emerged .....	55	38	33	32
Cotton				
Planted.....	80	65	82	76
Emerged .....	60	52	40	NA
Onions				
Emerged .....	95	92	100	NA
Peanuts				
Planted.....	26	16	57	39
Sorghum				
Planted.....	50	39	21	26
Emerged .....	15	7	2	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	1	NA	7	2
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	86	90	62	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	85	82	48	NA

NA – not available

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**DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION**

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	54	55	19	34
Short.....	22	30	43	33
Adequate.....	24	15	38	32
Surplus.....	--	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	36	41	15	NA
Short.....	42	46	41	NA
Adequate.....	22	13	44	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	--	NA

NA – not available

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**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	16	15	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	1	2
Fair.....	16	25	19	33
Good.....	64	57	77	52
Excellent.....	3	2	3	12
Chile				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	7	7	--	NA
Fair.....	8	9	56	NA
Good.....	55	55	32	NA
Excellent.....	30	29	12	NA
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	18	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	34	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	36	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	12	NA	NA	NA
Onions				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	16	16	23	12
Good.....	50	47	61	51
Excellent.....	34	37	16	37
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	20	17	8	22
Poor.....	46	50	21	23
Fair.....	28	28	40	31
Good.....	5	5	22	19
Excellent.....	1	--	9	5
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	15	16	2	26
Poor.....	44	53	12	13
Fair.....	22	18	33	28
Good.....	9	8	50	25
Excellent.....	10	5	3	8
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	3	2	1	NA
Poor.....	14	14	2	NA
Fair.....	44	46	44	NA
Good.....	35	34	48	NA
Excellent.....	4	4	5	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	13	7	7	NA
Poor.....	4	1	8	NA
Fair.....	44	45	21	NA
Good.....	37	46	63	NA
Excellent.....	2	1	1	NA

NA – not available

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New Mexico's weather data can be accessed at the following:

[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/New\\_Mexico/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition/2018/NM-Weather-05272018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/NM-Weather-05272018.pdf)

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